the pattadar raised an illegal construction on the land, because of which the case filed was withdrawn in 1997 and the Board was granted permission for filing Suit of Ejectment under Section 40 of the Punjab Tenancy Act. The matter is presently subjudice.

(c) and (d) Officials, posted in the Faridabad Circle of Punjab Wakf Board at that time, who did not initiate legal action in time, are responsible for this. Departmental inquiry was initiated against three officials of the Board in these cases. Subsequently the matter is being inquired into by a three-Member Committee.

More Facilities for Linguistic minorities

1928. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would define 'minority' in the Constitution;

(b) whether Government would public list of linguistic minorities; State-wise; and

(c) whether Government propose to give more facilities to linguistic minorities who are also socio-economically backward?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The question as to who constitutes a minority is sub-judice under a writ Petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Further action on this will be taken on the basis of the decision of the Supreme Court.

(b) and (c) Information on Linguistic Minorities has been published in the 1991 Census Report by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India. The linguistic Minorities are being provided facilities under various ongoing scheme/programmes.

Maltreated Widows in Vrindaban and Varanasi

1929. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether widows residing in Vrindaban and Varanasi are being maltreated; and